



Weekly News

Tremont Library Activities

Follow us on Facebook or visit our website, [At Home with Tremont Library](#), to see what online services we offer. Our collection of e-books are available 24/7.

At Home Bingo

Starting Tuesday, April 21st, patrons of all ages are invited to play [At Home Bingo](#) with us!

Online Adult Programming

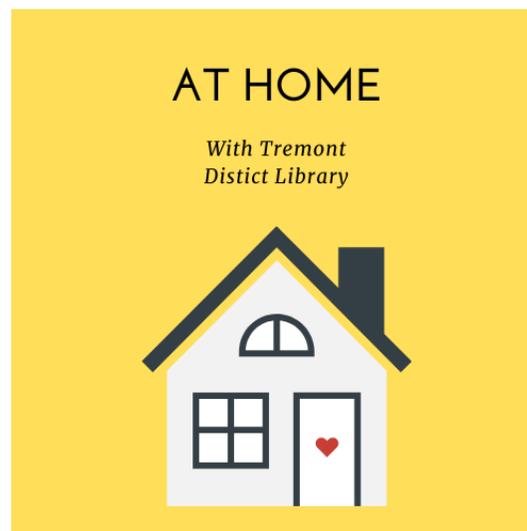
[Watercolors for Fun and Relaxation](#) with Director Maria.

[Rock Dot Painting](#) with Director Maria

Online Children's Programming

Maker Mondays: Make a craft each Monday with Miss Nicole! [Visit Facebook](#).

[Join our Read-Aloud Facebook group](#) to enjoy read-aloud picture books by Youth Director Lizzi and the Tremont Librarians! New posts on Wednesdays and Fridays.



COVID-19 Local Resource Requests - Updated

UICOMP Accepting Handmade Masks: The University of Illinois College of Medicine is accepting donations of handmade masks. Details at [this link](#)

Community Foundation of Central Illinois: Requesting monetary donations for the Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund. Details at [this link](#)

UnityPoint Health: UnityPoint is seeking personal protective equipment (PPE) and other medical supplies. They are also in search of medical personnel to help them prepare in the event there is an influx

of sick patients. Details at [this link](#)

OSF Healthcare: OSF seeking personal protective equipment (PPE), ventilators and other supplies. Details at [this link](#)

Heartland Health Services: Seeking personal protective equipment, medical supplies, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes unopened. Details at [this link](#)

Hopedale Medical Complex: Please consider sending cards and well wishes to the residents at Hopedale Commons and Hopedale Nursing Home! A short note or a child's drawing would be appreciated. A drop-off location for these cards and well wishes is provided at Tremont High School, 400 W Pearl St. Tremont, IL 61568. Please feel free to drop items off just inside the front glass doors at the high school entrance between 9am-1pm Monday-Friday each week. Donations/items will be picked up every Friday around noon. Also requesting masks if you can sew. Check out the Central Illinois Mask & Gown Makers Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/551858748772429/>. If you have another idea of how you would like to help, please call 309.449.4290 or email mpeterson-lindsey@hopedalemc.com with ideas.

Did you know...?

The Beginnings...The Columbia Opera House

It was a remarkably savvy business decision by local contractor Fred Trout. In 1898-1899, Trout built the large, two-story brick building at the corner of S. Sampson and Walnut Street, known as the Columbia Building or the Columbia Opera House. Many small towns had opera houses back then, but an article in the Peoria Star in 1899 especially noted the quality of Tremont's. "The Opera House is a costly one and perhaps the best in the state for a place the size of Tremont."

Trout's first-floor space was intended for shops and other businesses. The second floor had a ballroom/theatre with crystal chandeliers and an ornate proscenium stage. The opera house served as the setting for a wide variety of events, from masquerade balls to graduations, recitals, vaudeville shows, and oratorical contests to name just a few. Even basketball games, prize fights and wrestling matches packed the house. But, ironically, there is no evidence of an opera ever being presented there!

The building still stands today, still an important part of Tremont, 121 years after its debut. If only we had photos of the crowds who attended the events! However, it is easy to imagine that a night at the opera house was always one to anticipate and remember fondly.

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society



Photo of ad from 1914 newspaper. Note the upside down "a" in Columbia...the typesetter must have been distracted!

In response to the economic hardships that residential and business customers may experience due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ameren Illinois is suspending non-pay disconnections and forgiving late payment fees through at least May 1, 2020.

In addition to these measures, there are many payment options available to reduce this burden. For more information, go to: <https://www.tremontil.com/Tremont-news/2020/AmerenIllinoisReliefFlyer.pdf>

* This section will continue to provide suggestions for 'at-home' activities.

Monday

Do your taxes if they're not done already.

Tuesday

Try moving in super-slow motion. It's OK to laugh at regular speed.

Wednesday

Plant a garden. This is a good year to grow your own veggies and herbs. Plant some flower seeds too while you're at it.

Thursday

Build paper airplanes and have a flying contest.

Friday

Bring out the Legos. Build your house inside of your house.

Around Town



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

Thank you,

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